

<b>March 2014</b>	<b>ITEM</b>
<b>Report to Head of Planning and Transportation</b>	
<b>Proposed bus shelter outside no.285 Southend Road, Stanford le Hope</b>	
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b> Councillor Andrew Smith - Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Highways and Transportation	
<b>Wards and communities affected:</b> The Homesteads	<b>Key Decision:</b> Non-key
<b>Accountable Head of Service:</b> Basil Jackson – Head of Transportation and Highways	
<b>Accountable Director:</b> David Bull – Corporate Director of Planning and Transportation	
<b>This report is public</b>	
<b>Purpose of Report:</b> To consider the proposal to install a bus shelter adjacent to the existing bus stop outside no.285 Southend Road, Stanford le Hope	

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To consider the proposal to install a bus shelter on the highway outside of no. 285 Southend Road, Stanford le Hope

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1.1 To approve the request for a new bus shelter to be installed on the highway outside of no. 285 Southend Road, Stanford le Hope

**2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

2.1 A consultation has recently been carried out with local residents living in the vicinity of the proposed site to obtain their views on the proposal to install a bus shelter outside of no. 285 Southend Road, Stanford le Hope

2.2 A request was made by local residents to provide a shelter, adjacent to the existing bus stop outside of no. 285 Southend Road, Stanford le Hope in order to provide a safe and secure cover from inclement weather for passengers waiting at the bus stop.

- 2.3 At present the following services serve Southend Road, Stanford le Hope
- 200 Grays to Basildon Operating every 30 minutes (Mondays to Friday)  
Operating ever hour (Saturdays)
  - 201 Lakeside to Basildon Operating every 2 hours (Sundays)
- 2.4 A consultation letter was sent out to local residents and ward members to see if they had any objections to the proposed bus shelter. In total 2 objections were received. The objections centred around the issue of residents being unable to enter/exit their driveways without fear of an accident occurring either with a passenger waiting at the bus shelter or due to oncoming vehicles being obscured from their view by the bus shelter. However the Passenger Transport Unit will ensure that the shelter is constructed with no end panels, thus removing the problem of obscurity for residents and oncoming vehicles alike.

### **3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:**

- 3.1 This new bus shelter would provide residents living in the vicinity of Southend Road/Central Avenue with a safe and secure covering from inclement weather as the proposed site is situated opposite an exposed area that is open to all elements at present.
- 3.2 Without this new bus shelter residents will be exposed to various forms of inclement weather whilst waiting for their bus as there is no other means of shelter in this area.
- 3.3 As the bus shelter is located on the edge of the footpath and upon a large grass verge adjacent to the public highway it has been determined that it would not have any negative impact on these resident's ability to access their properties.
- 3.4 The site will also require a footpath and hardstanding area so that elderly or infirm passengers or those with wheelchairs and pushchairs can access the stop safely during inclement weather. A quotation for a footpath and hardstanding has been sought from the shelter supplier along with the quote for the installation of the bus shelter itself.
- 3.5 The proposed site for the new bus shelter is not in the immediate vicinity of any dropped kerbs or driveways so therefore should not impact on resident's walking ability to enter/exit their property.
- 3.6 The proposed bus shelter would be installed upon the grass verge and on the edge of the highway which would be of some distance from the front gardens and hedgerows surrounding the properties behind. Therefore the passengers waiting at the bus stop would not invade the privacy of the properties directly behind the bus stop as the distance from the proposed bus stop location and the front windows of the properties behind would be too great for any person to cause any disturbance to the residents.

Passenger Transport Unit will ensure that the shelter has no end panels which will remove any obscurity and make the persons waiting in the shelter visible. It is believed that if the shelter has no end panels this will provide a suitable compromise for residents wishing to access their property by car and provide sufficient vision for them to see oncoming traffic, plus there would be adequate cover from inclement weather for passengers waiting at the bus stop. In addition, if the shelter has no end panels this will be less appealing to would be vandals and those wishing to cause a nuisance to congregate inside.

- 3.7 This site would compliment the stop which is placed in the opposite direction and despite initially receiving some concerns from residents, has been successfully implemented without any further repercussions being raised.
- 3.8 Funding is available in the current transport programme. It is estimated that this new bus shelter would cost a maximum total of £ 8,000 for the shelter, hardstanding and a 1.2 m wide by 5m long footpath for passengers to traverse the grass verge from the pavement to the shelter/stop safely.

#### **4. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)**

- 4.1 Ward members were consulted along with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Highways and Transportation. No responses were received from any Ward members, however 2 objections were received from residents who would be directly affected by the proposal. The objections centred on the residents ability to enter/exit their driveways and properties and the obscurity of their vehicles to oncoming traffic if the bus shelter were to be installed.

#### **5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT**

- 5.1 Improving access to, and use of, alternative and sustainable modes of transport

#### **6. IMPLICATIONS**

##### **6.1 Financial**

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6.3 **Diversity and Equality**

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6.4 **Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental**

None

7. **CONCLUSION**

7.1 It is requested that the proposal to install the new bus shelter outside no.285 Southend Road, Stanford le Hope is approved for the reasons set out in this report.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:**

- Consultation letters

**APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:**

- None

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